## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 827 By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Kay Thomas, 2002 Valedictorian of East Robertson High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Kay Thomas is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at East Robertson High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Thomas has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Thomas has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding academic record, Bethany Kay Thomas has received numerous honors and awards, including being selected by her peers as "Most Likely to Succeed"; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Ms. Thomas possesses exceptional athletic ability as she is the Captain of the high school softball team and is an integral part of the volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected leader among her peers, Ms. Thomas has served as a class officer and has participated in numerous scholastic organizations, including the National Beta Club, the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Terry and Anita Thomas, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Kay Thomas's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 East Robertson High School Valedictorian, Bethany Kay Thomas, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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